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## September Roundtable: Meeting Environmental Countywide Planning Policies

*“The comprehensive plan is the centerpiece of local planning in Washington State. Like business plans, comprehensive plans provide the framework for how our communities will grow. And like business plans, they must evolve over time to be effective.”<sup>1</sup>*

Is June 30, 2015 circled in red on your city’s planning calendar? The Growth Management Act requires state and local governments to manage Washington’s growth by identifying and protecting critical areas and natural resource lands, designating urban growth areas, **preparing comprehensive plans** and implementing them through capital investments and development regulation.

This Roundtable is timed to help cities that are in the process of, or preparing to embark on the required periodic update of their comprehensive plan, in time for the new June 30, 2015 deadline. We’ll dive specifically into the Environmental element updates, and discuss strategies for weaving sustainability and green building into this critical, long range planning tool.

Our speakers will provide state, county and local perspectives about the intent of the updates, and alignment between City and County comprehensive plans. Joyce Phillips from the Washington Department of Commerce will frame the updates in the context of state requirements and regional perspective. Karen Wolf from the King County Executive’s Office will share major environmental updates to the [2012 King County Comprehensive Plan](#), and a local planner from a city in King County will offer on the ground insights as they undergo their update.

Mark your calendar - details below!

### Details

**Date/Time:** Thursday, September 12, 2013, 12:00 – 1:30 pm

**Location/Address:**

Snoqualmie City Hall, Council Chambers  
38624 SE River Street  
Snoqualmie, WA 98065

**Brown Bag:** As a lunchtime event, you are welcome to bring lunch to enjoy during the Roundtable.

**Directions:**

- *By Bus:* Routes – See [Metro’s Trip Planner](#) to map out your transit options.
- *By Car:*  
From Seattle drive east on Interstate 90 to Exit 25. You will enter the city by turning left, passing under the freeway, and heading up the Snoqualmie Parkway to the city limits. Turn right on Railroad Ave and right on SE River St.  
<http://www.ci.snoqualmie.wa.us/DiscoverSnoqualmie/LocationMap.aspx>

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<sup>1</sup> “Keeping your Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations Current: A Guide to the Periodic Update Process under the Growth Management Act.” Washington State Department of Commerce, Local Government and Infrastructure Division, September 2012.